

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

## **MINUTES**

January 20, 2011

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

### **COMMISSION**

#### **Present:**

Rick Huntress, Chairman  
Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman  
Otis Speight, Secretary  
Bobby Harrell  
Nancy Banov

#### **Absent:**

Kelly Hanson Floyd

### **DDSN Administrative Staff**

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mr. Tom Waring, Associate State Director, Administration; Mr. David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Dr. Kathi Lacy, Associate State Director, Policy; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

### **Guests**

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

### **Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 2 Coastal Sign-In Sheet)

### **Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Sign-In Sheet)

### **Whitten Center (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Sign-In Sheet)

### **York County DSN Board (via videoconference)**

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Mr. Rick Huntress, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Dr. Otis Speight read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Mrs. Nancy Banov gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

Without objection, the Commission accepted the agenda as shown.  
(Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2010 Meeting

Without objection, the Commission accepted the minutes as written.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Rick Magner spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

DDSN Division Update - Autism Update

Mr. Daniel Davis, Director of the Autism Division, gave a detailed update of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) Program covering how it operates and improvements made to program. Ms. Alisia Carey, a provider of PDD services, provided success stories of how the program has been beneficial to children and their families.

Silver Palmetto Award

Mrs. Lois Park Mole stated the Silver Palmetto Award is given annually to a municipality in South Carolina that has best demonstrated exemplary support of citizens with disabilities and special needs during the previous year. It was recommended for Commission approval, that the Town of Irmo receive the 2010 Silver Palmetto Award for their many activities and projects supporting individuals with disabilities. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission accepted the recommendation for the Silver Palmetto award to be given to the Town of Irmo. Mr. Huntress will present the

award at the Municipal Association of South Carolina's winter meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2011 in Columbia.

Recognition of DDSN Employee 50-Year Tenure

Dr. Buscemi recognized Mr. Tony Benson for his 50-year tenure as an employee of the Whitten Center. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. John King to present awards to Mr. Benson. A Whitten Center resident shared the many thoughtful acts that Mr. Benson did for the residents.

Recognition of the SC Order of the Palmetto Recipient

Mr. David Goodell recognized Dr. Morphis who has provided medical care to the residents of the Saleeby Center for many years for receiving the SC Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian South Carolina award. He was unable to attend the meeting today, however, Dr. Tepper, the dentist for Pee Dee and Saleeby Centers, shared remarks regarding Dr. Morphis' contributions. She stated that Dr. Morphis is a great example of a health care professional and he always encourages the medical and dental field to serve above and beyond the call of duty for individuals with disabilities.

Recognition of the SC Palmetto Patriot Award Recipient

Mr. Goodell recognized Elaine Miller, State Director for SC Mentor, for receiving the SC Palmetto Patriot Award. This award is the highest award given by the Lieutenant Governor's office. Ms. Miller has dedicated her life and career to serving children in foster care and to ensure that children with special needs receive the services necessary to live in their communities.

New Business – Budget Update

Dr. Buscemi reported the Legislature is back in session. DDSN is at the beginning of the budget cycle and stated she has nothing concrete to report. She has met with three of the four members of the House Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee and will meet with the fourth member next week. Dr. Buscemi is pleased with the feedback from the members. DDSN will present to the Subcommittee next week.

New Business – Zero Based Budgeting Worksheet

Dr. Buscemi explained in detail the zero-based budgeting worksheet she provided to the Commission. The worksheet is a tool to explain the existing budget and is loosely prioritized. If one starts from the first page and works down the document, it is a spending plan. If one works from the bottom or third page of the document and moves up, it is a general reduction guide for the reader as to which services/programs could be affected by state funding reductions. Dr. Buscemi stated she will share with the providers and the

Advocate Advisory group. She intends to present the worksheet to the House Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee before posting on the DDSN website.

Dr. Buscemi provided the Commission with DDSN's Budget Request chart and explained in detail the four top priority items. Discussion followed.

#### Unfinished Business – Dental Coverage

Dr. Kathi Lacy stated emergency dental services for individuals ages 21 and older were the only services covered in the State Medicaid Plan and these services will no longer be covered by Medicaid effective February 1, 2011. Managed care organizations that contract with Medicaid could be beneficial to people with disabilities noting that some may provide coverage for dental services. Dr. Lacy stated that Medicaid recently awarded a contract to Dental Quest to manage the Medicaid dental program and how successful this company has been in other states of increasing access to services particularly for special needs populations and removing administrative barriers. Discussion followed. Dr. Lacy will look into the MUSC dental program that supports people with special needs.

#### Unfinished Business – DHHS Update

Dr. Lacy reported that private rehabilitative therapy services will be limited to a combined total of 75 hours per year (applies to Medicaid recipients under the age of 21) effective April 1, 2011. If deemed medically necessary, a medical doctor can request prior authorization from DHHS' medical director.

Mr. Tom Waring reported that the Materials Management Office of the Budget and Control Board has cancelled the original incontinent supply bid for more defined specifications. DHHS will have to resubmit the incontinent supply RFP with clearer specifications. July will be the soonest that the contract will be awarded.

#### Unfinished Business – Administrative Billing Update

Dr. Buscemi stated Mr. Anthony (Tony) Keck is the newly appointed DHHS Agency Director. She reported that CMS did not agree with DDSN's proposal on administrative billing rates. The lower rate CMS requires will equate to \$1.9 million in extra state costs to DDSN and would be effective January 1, 2011. CMS stated if DDSN did not agree with this then they would consider retroactive for another year. DDSN has approached Kerr and Company for their assistance in this matter. DDSN will meet with Mr. Keck to ask DHHS to agree to support DDSN.

State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi stated the recognition of awards today reflect the caliber of people working in our field.

Dr. Buscemi said that Kerr and Company was hired by BabyNet to help track their funding. An oral report was given by Kerr and Company and they are working on the written report. DDSN fared well in the report. It showed that DDSN is a cost-effective model. The LAC is also preparing a report on the BabyNet program and has not asked for any information from DDSN. First Steps is preparing a change in the BabyNet eligibility which will reduce the number of children in the program. A concern is the planned reduction in amount of therapies DHHS covers will negatively affect the First Steps/BabyNet program.

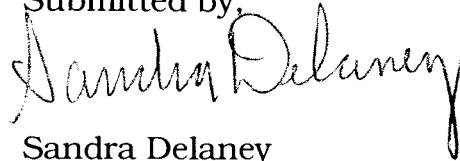
Dr. Buscemi discussed the LAC audit of the use of state agency procurement cards and that DDSN fared well in the audit.

Dr. Buscemi reported the administrative law court ruled in DDSN's favor on DDSN's first appeal regarding waiver caps

Mr. Huntress announced the next Commission Meeting date is February 17, 2011.

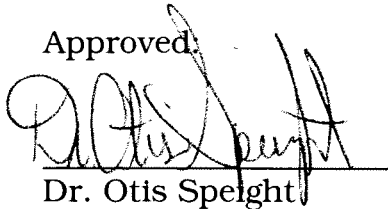
The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Huntress.

Submitted by,



Sandra Delaney

Approved:



Dr. Otis Spelght  
Secretary

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Attachment 1

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Guest Registration Sheet

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Name and Organization

1. CHARLES L. McLAFFERTY VOICES and BRAIN INJURY ASSOC OF SC
2. Tony Benson Whitten Center
3. Shelby Benson Whitten Center
4. Donnie Price Whitten Center
5. John King WPSN
6. [Signature]
7. Mike Moss Culham DSNB
8. Stephanie Williams Culham DSNB
9. Jennifer Buster SCDDSN
10. MILDRED LILEY Parent
11. CORY TROXER Detmarva
12. ROGER STEVENSON Ground Gentles
13. [Signature] Tri-Devel./ACBD
14. Suzanne Johnson PGA Coastal Center
15. Linda Rodriguez PGA Coastal Center
16. HELEN YACOBI SCDDSN
17. FRED OWENS NCDSNB
18. Moroff Boddie Community Optics
19. Gloria M. James Bamberg Co. DSNBd.
20. Nicky Magner Provider Assoc.

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### Guest Registration Sheet

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Name and Organization

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| 21. | Mile Keith        | Marion Dixon PSN           |
| 22. | KATHLEEN ROBERTS  | WHITTEN CENTER DC + SC PRO |
| 23. | Leanne Johnston   | Consultant, SC HSA         |
| 24. | Lisa Weeks        | DDSN                       |
| 25. | Richard Klinek    | DDSN                       |
| 27. | Jim Jahn          | PC                         |
| 28. | Veronica Lewis    | KCBSN                      |
| 29. | Lauren Cleary     | R & A intern.              |
| 30. | Janet Priest      | DDSN                       |
| 31. | Ann Dalton        | DDSN                       |
| 32. | Mary Bradley Tapp | DDSN Pee Dee/Sakeby        |
| 33. | DEAN READ         | Colleton BDSN              |
| 34. | Craig Stoxen      | SC Autism Society          |
| 35. | LINDA VELDHEER    | DDSN                       |
| 36. | Daniel Davis      | ASH                        |
| 37. | Alisia Carey      | PPD Warm Friends           |
| 38. | Elaine Miller     | SC MENTOR                  |
| 39. | Teri Todd.        |                            |
| 40. | Diane Emby        | SCSCIA                     |

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1. Joyce Davis BIASCIC
2. Jackie Richards Family Connection
3. Crystal Ray " "
4. CAROLYN Myers Mother
5. Anita Atwood DHHS
6. Courtney Kilgore DHHS
7. Beth Bunge Bright Start
8. " Mary Leithur R/L
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2. Julia Brown CSW
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Attachment 3

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**(PLEASE PRINT)** Name and Organization

1. John Hitchman SCODSN
2. Ruth Thomas Darlington Board
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2. Glenn Thoma PCBOSN
3. Jimmy Burton Burton Center
4. Jason TAYLOR? Laura AS Co DSW Board
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1. Michelle Shaffner YCBDSN

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**A G E N D A**

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
3440 Harden Street Extension  
Conference Room 251  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**January 20, 2011**

**10:30 AM**

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Invocation *Commissioner Nancy Banov*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2010 Meeting
6. Public Input
7. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Rick Magner*
8. DDSN Division Update – Autism Report *Mr. Daniel Davis*
9. Silver Palmetto Award *Ms. Lois Park Mole*
10. Recognition of DDSN Employee 50-Year Tenure *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
11. Recognition of the SC Order of the Palmetto Recipient *Mr. David Goodell*
12. Recognition of the SC Palmetto Patriot Award Recipient *Mr. David Goodell*
13. New Business:
  - A. Budget Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
  - B. Zero Based Budgeting Worksheet *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
14. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Dental Coverage *Dr. Kathi Lacy*
  - B. DHHS Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
  - C. Administrative Billing Rate *Dr. Beverly Buscemi/Mr. Tom Waring*
15. State Director's Report
16. Next Regular Meeting Date (February 17)/Location

**PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.**